

## Garland's Majority Over Fulton Is 7,730 Official Election Returns

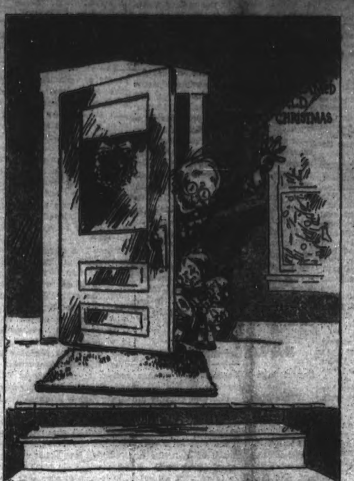
IN ELECTION OF DECEMBER 6TH, 14,907 VOTES WERE  
CAST IN BOW RIVER — GARLAND AWAY AHEAD

E. J. Garland, Farmer, 11,338  
W. R. Fulton, Con., 3,408  
H. A. Waite, Socialist, 361

The latest official returns for Bow River district of the memorable election held on Dec. 6th, are as given above. The returning officer, W. S. Playfair, opened the ballot boxes in Bassano this week and went over the figures of the voting. Garland received a majority of 7,730 votes over Fulton, his nearest opponent, and 7,869 majority over both his opponents combined.

A perusal of the polling shows that a great majority of polls went solid for Garland. Drumheller, Hanna, Bassano and a few of the larger centers gave Fulton a majority. Many polls did not give Fulton a single vote.

Garland	Fulton	Waite
Peterson	30	6
Bellaw	13	14
Lone Star school	67	8
Sundhill school	78	3
Bar Hill school	3	22
Bowville	1	35
Black Springs	1	32
Barons	49	97
Carmanagay	23	74
Shaymaker's	70	32
Strang's	70	32
Pratville	70	32
Harpers	6	1
Burwash	37	3
Bow Valley S.	5	17
Washington S.	65	11
Plainfield	65	11
Yethow	35	11
Enehanst	3	103
Barbours	3	103
Grainburg	3	103
Travers	61	2
Long Coulee	9	61
Chamberlains	27	36
Alton	1	24
Kircaldy	3	66
Roe's	3	66
Marshall's	1	56
Patterson	32	68
Lomond	32	68
Manning	32	68
Bow City	32	68
Kinowdale	1	73
Green Prairie	71	3
Sunny Plains	71	3
Wooten's	67	2
Forey's	26	3
Vulcan	66	30
Vulcan No. 2	31	83
McIntyre's	1	64
Love's	1	64
Berry Water	73	1
Lakeview-Cregor	1	40
Dunstan's	1	40
Munson's	7	27
Sonnet Valley	2	27
Arrowood	59	1
Mossleigh	2	54
Blind Creek	5	54
Rosedale, 2	36	40
Gem	36	40
Chancellor	5	60
Gleichen, 1	95	7
Gleichen, 2	74	3
Standard	15	77
Tudor	11	33
Nightingale	12	78
Rockford	78	8
Leak	6	3
Redlands	8	40
Pierce	8	37
Rosebud	24	7
Wayne	119	12
Lawson	16	1
Long Beach	12	35
Bussat	8	51
Jean D'Arc	4	11
Harris	4	11
Crowfoot	10	24
Wemy	31	7
Pioneer	1	70
Liberty	1	70
E. J. Marjorie	4	21
Armstrong	4	21
Fletcher's	8	8
Bassano, 1	69	57
Bassano, 2	9	12
Latham	1	29
Brooks, 1	80	65
Brooks, 2	56	62
Litchfield	4	30
Bailestrand	25	41
Millen	25	41
Duchess	43	58
Duchess	43	58
Stevenville	6	42
Terrie	1	20
Nately	2	76
Hutton, 1	36	3
Hutton, 2	36	3
Pandora	84	4
Cliffville	4	74
Johnson	9	77
Cliffdale	9	77
Corinth	2	27
McLean's	5	27
Cambridge	5	27
Sunnybrook	12	38
Robertson's	8	41
Fraser's	3	36



Always at Christmas-time there comes a thought of you, Sometimes it's when I'm feeling blue, And need an old friend's kindly smile, That says he trusts me all the while, For what man needs not the end in inspiration from a friend, The smoke with you, the joke with you, The talk of kindred folk with you, The laugh with you, the chaff with you, Can't ever tell the half to you, And now you know that I remember, Usual greetings this December.

— Leonard D. Nesbitt.

## Stiles Occupies Mayor's Chair What Caused Drop In Wheat Prices?

U.S. WHEAT GROWERS DECLARED THE CHICAGO MARKET—THEY DID THE TRICK

cupied the chair at the meeting of council on Monday night Mayor Bredin left on Saturday for Vancouver and reached the coast in time to head into a freezing Pacific gale. Fair, were also absent, and hence it was a slim council that foregathered.

Coun. Waite reported for the waterworks committee that an arrangement had been reached regarding reduced rates to large consumers of water. The rates advanced are: 75c per 1000 feet per cent up 100,000 feet, over that amount 25c per 1000. The report was adopted.

Discovery!!! The secretary reported for Coun. Playfair regarding a shack east of S. Hobbin's barn which Sergt. Wight desired to purchase from the town. It appears this is on (and part of) town property but Sam Hobbin has been renting it to the electric light company for \$3 a month for several years. Mr. Hobbin's not having been appointed official rental agent for the town, steps will be taken to amend the council were tendered Sergt. Wight for appropriating the town's own property.

The Imperial Oil Company is desirous of having the blind street, west of the present site of their oil building, closed by the town as they desire to extend their building. The council decided to give the matter further consideration at a later date.

The Tax Sale The council held the unsatisfactory results of the tax sale as being due to the action of the minister of property in extending the time for redemption on property sold at the 1920 sale. Investors are not sure of their standing and they do not appear anxious to invest further funds when further changes and extensions might possibly be made.

Early Assessment The town secretary reported that the assessment for 1922 would be issued earlier in the year, in the first week of January, most probably. This was hailed with acclamation by the council. This will be the earliest the assessment notices have ever been issued.

## Board of Health Hold Meeting

PROVISION MADE FOR A STRICT MILK INSPECTION

The board of health held a meeting last week and arranged for methodical inspection of milk cows, whose owners sell milk. A charge of \$2 per head up to 10 head and \$1 a head over that number will be made for inspection and will be collected by the town.

No person will be allowed to store ice until a test is obtained as to its purity. The board estimated expenses for incoming year at \$190. Jack Allen, W. H. Dance and Wm. McLaws were the members present.

## Majorville

At night when Christmas time comes round again, With all its joys and cheer, The things we folks do like to get the most.

Ain't always dear— For their cost don't make the gift, but by its price tag But the pleasure that it brought.

Cold severe weather. Sergt. Wight, Alberta Provincial Police, was a business caller on the 16th.

Messrs. Playfair and MacGregor, of Bassano, were called on the 15th, en route to Armada South.

Two new families came into the district lately, Capt. Wainright and family from the Reid Hill district and Robt. Pendergast and family from Cohdior, Alta.

Albert Peterson is mail carrier on the Cluny-Lake MacGregor route, and made good time considering state of the roads.

Mr. Jim Battie has his coal mine running, and the output is a fair sample of coal. The mine is owned by people who are either closed or have been closed.

Mr. Malhot, a farmer resident at home, returned back again looking very physically fit with a three-year's experience in France fighting the Hun. He is now back again looking very physically fit with a three-year's experience in France fighting the Hun.

And he was left lamenting Mrs. Wilson and her pupils of the school, gave at "at home" to the parents and other interested ones in school work on the 16th. The pupils acquitted themselves very creditably, and showed considerable progress in their studies.

The ladies provided lunch and a nice social time was had. Mrs. Wilson and Catherine leave for Nelson, B. C., where they will spend Christmas with friends.

The community was somewhat shocked on the 14th to learn that Mr. W. Francis family were down with diphtheria. Dr. Scott was called and did what medical skill could be, but on Saturday evening the 17th, little Cecil passed away. He was a very promising little fellow, 5 years old, a general favorite. At time of writing it is thought that the rest of the family is spared.

A nurse procured and everything done that could be attended to. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Francis in their sore trouble and bereavement.

## Gleichen Wins Purcell Trophy

LIFT SILVERWARE FROM BROOKS AND DEFEND IT FROM BASSANO

Gleichen curriers are sitting pretty with the new Purcell trophy donated for competition in the Bow Valley, in their possession. The curriers from the Blackfoot metropolis journeyed to Brooks last Saturday and landed a two-way trimming to Chester Marshall and Cliff Elliott, the aces of the Brooks club, and told the mug from its home town to Gleichen.

On Monday night Bassano sent two rinks sprung by Bill McLaws and "Mac" McCaughy to Gleichen to bring the trophy eastward—once more, but were defeated. Woods, of Gleichen, won from McCaughy, 22-13, and McCaughy defeated McLaws 15-13.

Gleichen figures in holding the trophy. The trophy is a drinking vessel for the winter.

The Bassano curriers to make the trophy were Seale, Dooley, Hyslop, McCaughy, Wight, Currie, Dr. Scott, McLaws.

## Fisher Folk In Religious Frenzy

PEOPLE GIVING UP EARTHLY PLEASURES FOR HOUSING OF CONVERTS

LONDON—Psychologists are puzzled by an outbreak of religious frenzy affecting some 1500 fisher folk in practically every town and village on the northeast of Scotland. The spark was kindled at an intensive mission conducted at the English east coast port of Yarmouth and Lowestoft, where these Scottish herring fisher folk were fishing a few miles off the coast.

Scottish correspondents in London of the Observer and the London Daily Mail, give the following details: Fraserburgh, Wick, Peterhead and Buckie are larger fishing towns. Everywhere the people are either closed or have been closed.

Public houses are closed, and dancing classes have ceased to exist. Everything of the world's nature has been ruthlessly put aside.

At Cairnburgh and Fraserburgh a thousand converts have surrendered all their pipes, tobacco pouches, cigarettes, playing cards, draught boards and dancing shoes, and are making public bonfires of them in the streets. These people have piled up in front of the organs in the local mission halls preparatory to their destruction.

On Sunday beaches are parties of men and women kneeling on the sands offering prayers. In the streets all the children gather in circles to pray and sing. Fishermen working at their boats in the harbor, to be accompanied by scripture lessons read aloud.

NO "MAIL" NEXT WEEK The Bassano Mail will not be published during the week between Christmas and New Years Day. Alterations will be made during that week in the office which will prevent publication.

The office will be opened for the transaction of business during the week.

DEC. 28th OFFICIAL HOLIDAY An order-in-council has been passed by the federal government declaring Monday, Dec. 28th an official holiday. This action was taken because Christmas falls on Sunday this year.

1922 has a better sound than poor old 1921. Jack May, Rudolph Zelenski, Waldorf Hermanson, Marie Yates, Lydia Zelenski, Arthur Armstrong, Lewis Deserberg, Mary Beglan, Woodrow Heaton, Roy Marriott, Gordon Hobbin, Donald Powell, Annie Mills, John Schmick, Alana Hopkins, Agnes Deserberg, Mary Yates, George Bramley, Austin Ford, Norman Powers.

## School Report For December

THE RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS OF MONTH

The following are the shield winners of the Bassano school for December: Grade 1A, Peter Maclean, first month.

Grade 1B, Aileen O'Neill, second month. Grade 1C, Jean Plumer, second month.

Grade 2, Doris Thompson, second month. Grade 3, Jeffrey Shaw, second month.

Grade 4, Robert Donaldson, first month. Grade 5, Helen Johnston, first month.

Grade 6, Wm. Marriott, second month. Grade 7, Walter Ross, second month.

Grade 8, Sadie Nelson, third month. Grade 9, Marie Chamberlain, first month.

Grade 10, Walter Brogan, second month. B. F. Cryderman, Principal.

High School Report Grade 10—Walter Brogan 86.66, Selma Ross 85.92, Christina Murdoch 80.05, Stephen Johnson 74, Robert Dick 71.25, Raymond Walters 70.86, Zona Reid 70, Mrs. Connor 68.25, Verna Herron 67.44, Jack Holton 66.50, Gladys Magee 64.91, Rose Mills 66.67, failed Stella Reid 66.67.

Grade 9—Marie Chamberlain 77.07, Violet King 76.38, Mary Cooper 76.16, Doris Ross 75.00, Mrs. Connor 68.25, Verna Herron 67.44, Jack Holton 66.50, Gladys Magee 64.91, Rose Mills 66.67, failed Stella Reid 66.67.

Grade 8—Sadie Nelson 91, Irene Johnston 90, Audrey Dick 87, Violet Bramley 82, Isabel Simpson 79, Fred Hallett 78, Alfred Pidgeon 74, Russell Fry 74, Marge Hopkins 74, Cella Ray 73, Stuart Johnston 71, Verna Finley 67, Muriel Johnston 67.

Grade 7—Helen Johnston, Joyce Maclean, Leonard Leonard, Marie Leonard, Gladys Hunter, Vera Fortin, Emily Hollowell, Margaret Wood, James Edm., Mary Edm., Edith Shelzki, Raymond Gafford, Mabel Smith, Bernice Thompson, Mabel Hansen, Edith Shick, Rita Edm., Fred Udall, Arthur Simpson, Benson Powers, Roy Hayes, Wesley Henstey, Ernest Roberts, Hilda Howard, Ina Hermanson, Edith Shelzki, Effie Carr, Ralph Marquardt.

Grade 6—Robert Donaldson, Eva Yates, Jessie Uyle, Clive Nesbitt, Kathryn Hunter, Charles Marriott, Glen Mills, Burton Ford, Lilla Ravey, Benjie Wall, Francis Mc, Marjorie Hobbin, Winnie Shelzki, Harry Lee, James Weaver, Edith Udall, Arthur Simpson, Benson Powers, Roy Hayes, Wesley Henstey, Ernest Roberts, Hilda Howard, Ina Hermanson, Edith Shelzki, Effie Carr, Ralph Marquardt.

Grade 5—Helen Johnston, Joyce Maclean, Leonard Leonard, Marie Leonard, Gladys Hunter, Vera Fortin, Emily Hollowell, Margaret Wood, James Edm., Mary Edm., Edith Shelzki, Raymond Gafford, Mabel Smith, Bernice Thompson, Mabel Hansen, Edith Shick, Rita Edm., Fred Udall, Arthur Simpson, Benson Powers, Roy Hayes, Wesley Henstey, Ernest Roberts, Hilda Howard, Ina Hermanson, Edith Shelzki, Effie Carr, Ralph Marquardt.

Grade 4—Robert Donaldson, Eva Yates, Jessie Uyle, Clive Nesbitt, Kathryn Hunter, Charles Marriott, Glen Mills, Burton Ford, Lilla Ravey, Benjie Wall, Francis Mc, Marjorie Hobbin, Winnie Shelzki, Harry Lee, James Weaver, Edith Udall, Arthur Simpson, Benson Powers, Roy Hayes, Wesley Henstey, Ernest Roberts, Hilda Howard, Ina Hermanson, Edith Shelzki, Effie Carr, Ralph Marquardt.

Grade 3—Doris Thompson, Richard Lewis, Ralph Arpison, James Edm., Mary Edm., Edith Shelzki, Raymond Gafford, Mabel Smith, Bernice Thompson, Mabel Hansen, Edith Shick, Rita Edm., Fred Udall, Arthur Simpson, Benson Powers, Roy Hayes, Wesley Henstey, Ernest Roberts, Hilda Howard, Ina Hermanson, Edith Shelzki, Effie Carr, Ralph Marquardt.

Grade 2—Doris Thompson, Richard Lewis, Ralph Arpison, James Edm., Mary Edm., Edith Shelzki, Raymond Gafford, Mabel Smith, Bernice Thompson, Mabel Hansen, Edith Shick, Rita Edm., Fred Udall, Arthur Simpson, Benson Powers, Roy Hayes, Wesley Henstey, Ernest Roberts, Hilda Howard, Ina Hermanson, Edith Shelzki, Effie Carr, Ralph Marquardt.

Grade 1—Peter Maclean, Dorothy Lewis, Patsy Hunter, David Lyle, Raymond Moe, James Edm., Mary Edm., Edith Shelzki, Raymond Gafford, Mabel Smith, Bernice Thompson, Mabel Hansen, Edith Shick, Rita Edm., Fred Udall, Arthur Simpson, Benson Powers, Roy Hayes, Wesley Henstey, Ernest Roberts, Hilda Howard, Ina Hermanson, Edith Shelzki, Effie Carr, Ralph Marquardt.







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## CHRISTMAS

Man's better nature shines forth at Christmas time. It is the season of kindness, thoughtfulness and charity. If this pleasant spirit were maintained throughout the year all over the Christian world there would be no reason for peace conferences or disarmament assemblies. Intolerant would cease and old Mother Earth, whirling along on her planetary course round the sun, would literally shine forth her good nature and happiness. Unfortunately the opposite is the case and the Christmas spirit is soon extinguished in the eternal scramble for wealth, power and preferment. At that, mankind feels better for the annual experience of the Christmas spirit. It is akin to the relief of the mind and soul by intimate association with nature for a period, say a visit to the hoary old mountains, so ably expressed by Robert Stead:

"Unto the hills I'll lift mine eyes,"  
Of old the psalmist sang,  
And we who catch the worldly prize  
By earth's distraction wrung,  
Still turn our fevered fancies  
Where snow summits greet the day,  
Where Nature hides her mysteries  
And time becomes eternity.

## REMEMBERED HIS MOTHER

The mills of the gods grind slowly.  
Four years ago today Mackenzie King went down to the depth of political defeat.  
Four years ago tomorrow his mother died. He reached her bedside too late from New York.  
It is about to be called premier of Canada. Today is the anniversary of the day his mother gave him birth.  
An incident is related in connection with King's latest

was welcomed as Canada's premier-elect. When passing the visit to North York where he Mount Pleasant cemetery that evening he descended from his car and dismounting it, he entered the graveyard alone to visit the last resting place of his mother, his father and his sister.

So he paid tribute to memory in the silence of the quiet night.  
Mackenzie King's visit to his mother's grave called to the eve of his being called to the premiership might have gone down merely on the golden record of fine unknown things, only he happened to drop in afterwards at a friend's home. Here a lady told him that she had on the day following a victory at the police laid laurel leaves and flowers on his mother's grave. So he mentioned his own visit—Toronto Star.

## THE BANK MERGER

The strongest argument in opposition to the absorption of the Merchants Bank of Canada by the Bank of Montreal, (aside from the personal financial interests of the shareholders of the former bank) is that the move is but another step in the process of centralizing the wealth of the country in a few hands. The taking over of lesser banks by stronger ones has been going on for some time and if this keeps up a very few tremendously powerful banks will dominate the financial situation in Canada. It is certain that the masses of the people will object to the menace of such domination.

On the other hand an agreeable feature of the recent amalgamation is that the depositors and note holders of the extinguished bank will be fully protected. This tends toward stabilization and prevents financial panic. Canadian banks are not allowed to default in payments due depositors and holders of the bank's paper. The stronger banks extend their help and protection when the weaker are threatened, but at the same time they absorb the institution showing signs of failure. Despite criticism and protest the taking over of the Merchants Bank by the Bank of Montreal will most probably go through. If a hitch occurs

the loss of prestige the whole affair has brought upon the Merchants Bank will prevent its recovery and the second state of affairs will be worse than the first.

## Merry Christmas!

Also Happy New Year!

With Charles Dickens we say, "God bless Christmas."

Let's all boost for a better year in 1922.

Santa Claus certainly was kind to E. J. Garland, M.P., judging by the majority he received.

In the recount in West Calgary, Sh. is leading Bennett by ten votes.

The weather has been cold during the past week and some snow fell.

Local elevator prices: wheat 75, oats 25c, barley 30c, rye 50c, flax 1.40.

Gleichen juniors defeated Bassano juniors by the score of 6-5 in Gleichen last Friday night. This makes the games one each.

D. C. Coleman told the Calgary board of trade that the Lomond to Blackie branch would be built next year if general conditions improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torgan will attend a conference to be held by moving picture interests in Calgary shortly when matters of vital import to the show business will be considered.

The United Grain Growers Grain Co. in annual meeting assembled, expressed preference to the wheat pool in preference to a government board. The company's profits in 1921 totalled \$233,743.47.

A heavy gale swept the lower Great Lakes on Saturday and great waves caused loss of life and property damage. Toronto and Buffalo suffered badly. The wind reached a high velocity of 96 miles an hour.

The merging of the Merchants Bank of Canada with the Bank of Montreal was announced last week. The announced last week that the merger of the two banks was being considered. Heavy losses suffered by the Merchants Bank caused the move. Opponents to the final ratification of the merger

## Hussar

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. A. A. Clift, on Thursday, December 15th. A large number of ladies were present and made seventy-five stockings which will be filled with candy, nuts, oranges and presented to the children of the community at the Christmas Tree on December 23rd.

The school children, under the direction of their teacher, Mr. Aldridge, are busy practising for their programme to be given at the school house at 8 o'clock on Friday, Dec. 23rd. The Ladies' Aid will decorate a tree for the children and will serve a lunch to all attending the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Reeves, wife of our new station agent, and her two children, are visiting in Medicine Hat this week.

Mrs. Cliff and two children and Mrs. C. E. Lemley, were passengers to Bassano last Thursday.

Miss Marjorie Smith, who has been quite ill, was taken to the Bassano hospital last Saturday. Her many friends are pleased to know she will be able to come home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Jack O'Brian and Mr. Dennings are in Calgary for the week end.

Mrs. Agnes Service and son William, spent several days in Calgary guests of Mrs. Dodds.

Mr. Roy Bertram, our bank teller, will spend his Christmas vacation in Calgary.

Mrs. Stepan met with a painful accident last Saturday when some boards blew from a shed and knocked her to the ground. At present she is doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Cowan, who accompanied her daughter, Marjorie, to Bassano on Saturday, returned to Hussar Monday.

## MAJORVILLE

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price of grain and low price of live stock, but there is no doubt that the energy and determination which are distinguishing characteristics of westerners will enable them to overcome present difficulties and continue their marked success in developing the country.

## Wheat Grading and Mixing

Eight farmers each shipped a carload of 1500 measured bushels of wheat to Ft. William, the wheat averaging 56 lbs. per bushel and grading No. 3. Two neighboring farmers shipped from the same local elevator one car each, the two cars averaging 1500 measured bushels of No. 1 Northern each, the wheat averaging 64 pounds per measured bushel. All these farmers instructed their local elevator operator to sell their grain at Winnipeg on the Grain Exchange. The local elevator company sold the grain through the Exchange to themselves, the returns being as follows:

575,000 lbs. No. 3 Wheat @ \$1.00 per 60 lbs. \$11,200  
192,000 lbs. No. 1 Wheat @ \$1.11 per 60 lbs. 3,552

Total paid farmers \$14,752

This grain company then mixed the lot, tested it for weight and found they then had 15,000 measured bushels averaging a little more than 57½ lbs. per bushel, but making 14,400 bu. of 60 lbs. each.

They then sold it for export as No. 1 Northern, receiving only the market price of the No. 1 Northern in Canada. In this hypothetical case all transportation and other charges are excluded since they have no bearing on the case. Also bear in mind that the average spread between No. 1 and No. 3 in Canada is about 1½c.

14,400 bu. No. 1 Northern @ \$1.11 \$15,984.00  
Total paid farmers 14,752.00

Velvet, or Duke's Mixture \$1,232.00  
Profit per car in mixing, alone \$123.20

Do you remember the old song to which we used to dance,

How happy is the mixer who lives by himself,  
When the wheel turns around he is gaining in his wealth,  
One hand in the hopper and the other in the sack,  
The buyers step forward while the rubes step back.

It is plain who is paying the fiddler! I presume you are same regulative effect. As further evidence, did not this wheat as No. 1 Northern. If so, read the official grade taken from a Fargo bulletin quoting the Board of Grain Appeals of Minneapolis and Duluth, Minnesota:

No. 1 Northern Spring Wheat—Shall be dry, sound, sweet and clean and may consist of hard red soft kernels of spring wheat and weigh not less than 57 lbs. to the measured bushel and shall not contain to exceed one half of one per cent. of wild rye (wild peas) or kingheads, singly or combined, and not to exceed a total of 1 per cent of inseparable weed seed.

You may contend that since the tariff prevents shipping to the States, this grade is not applicable. But it is not true that Canada and the States are both exporting countries, shipping their surplus to Liverpool, which certainly should have the same regulative effect? As further evidence, did not this same difference in grades obtain prior to the late tariff act? It certainly did. Then what the answer? Simply this, that farmers as a class are ignorant of actual conditions under which they are annually losing millions of dollars, and no effort being taken by their so-called leaders to educate them. Can't you hear the mixers working overtime. Can't you see them taking 1000 bushels of 53 pound wheat and adding to this 1000 additional bushels of each weight running from 54 lbs. to 64 lbs., inclusive, making the whole lot 13,000 measured bushels weighing above the minimum required in the grade quoted above. And all the time singing the above ditty, changing now and then to, "How're You Going To Keep Me Down on The Farm."

Do you imagine there is a single farmers grain marketing organization in Canada whose officers are unfamiliar with these conditions? Where are our so-called leaders. These figures mean, if they mean anything, that rather than educate all producers with a view to correcting these intolerable evils, they are content to rake in enormous profits for investors and themselves, and let the rank and file shift. And why?

visibly, badly as that may be needed, with a proposed amendment to our Grain Act making 67 lbs. wheat the minimum required for No. 1 Northern. Which would bring the greatest relief to the farmer?

Leaders? My idea of a leader is one who hits the collar with a view to reaching the desired goal. But I have never noticed their traces tighten! Depend upon it, the time is not far distant when they will find themselves calked by the wheelers and turned out on poor pasture. A leader has been described as one who is going in the same direction as the people, but a LITTLE AHEAD. If this definition be accepted, abundant evidence is not lacking that many of our leaders are in grave danger of having the slack of their pants kicked by the rear guard. Leaders? Ye Gods! A. C. WEAVER.

## GEM THEATRE

"Bassano's Home Theatre"

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"HOLD YOUR HORSES"

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## Crowfoot

Mr. Ray Newsome made a trip to Calgary this week and came home with a severe cold. The masquerade party at the school house on Friday night was a very delightful affair. A good crowd was present and some of the masks were most amusing while others bore out more of an artistic nature. The first prize was won by Mrs. John Jamieson who represented "Night," and

the second prize by Mrs. Norman Arison, who cleverly represented "Red Riding Hood." Mr. C. B. G. McKenzie, as "Dusty Rhonda," won gentleman's first prize and Mr. Norman Arison as "Mephisto," second prize. Mrs. Andrew Jacobson won first prize as the best lady dancer on the floor and Mrs. Bill Bray was awarded second prize. We regretted the turn in the weather which no doubt prohibited our friends from Makepeace and others who have been attending our parties, to attend, and it is the hope of everyone that the weather will moderate, that they may attend. The New Year's Ball at the school on Friday eve preceding the New Years as outside music is being arranged for by the trustees, and they hope to give everyone an exceptionally good time. Everybody try and come. As this masquerade concluded the series of dances given by the various ones in the community and within a few dollars the piano has been paid for, it will

not be out of keeping to thank the various committees who so generously provided. When asked to assist, and to Mr. Andrew Jacobson, Mr. H. J. Ross, Mr. Wm. McInnes, Mr. C. G. B. Mackenzie and Mrs. Bill Bray who have been instrumental in furnishing the music from time to time with no remuneration whatever.

Mr. John Jamieson made a business trip to Calgary this week.

Miss Eleanor Hefelhower was confined to the house for two days with the gripple.

Mr. Robt Lowry had the misfortune to lose his driving horse Sunday night.

Several of the grades are taking examinations this week and a few of the classes will be advanced.

Christmas cards from Mr. Clark Gillespie, who taught here last year are being received by some of his friends.

As it has been decided not to have a Christmas tree at the school this year, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Arison have consented to open their home to the community for a tree for the kiddies. The usual line of treats will be followed by a dance. Everyone is cordially invited to attend both tree and dance, young and old, people with children and people without. There will be no admission charged but a collection will be taken to help defray the cost of the treats for the children, and of course as is customary, the ladies are asked to bring cake or sand-

wiches. This entertainment will be on Monday night after Christmas.

Turkey raisers are interesting themselves in the result of the community killing held in Bassano last week. As to the result, it is a little early to judge, but one thing sure, they have been more prompt in re-mitting the initial payment than some of the Calgary firms who bought fowl from some of the individuals around here. One party shipped pigs and turkeys to a Calgary concern on the 3rd of November and is still waiting for his check.

Mr. Raymond Metheny was able to be brought home Monday.

The U.F.A. members went into Bassano on Wednesday to the election of officers, as Saturday was too stormy to hold the meeting.

## Makepeace

W. H. Harris and F. H. Berz were Bassano visitors last Thursday.

Mrs. E. M. Smithy returned home Monday from Bassano where she has been an assistant teacher for a short time.

There will be a public Christmas Tree at W. G. Lake's store on Christmas Eve. Everybody welcome.

Wm. and Ben Pickering are helping Mr. Harris in development work at his mine.

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## Small Advt's.

FOR SALE—House on lots 6 and 7, block 10, plan 3158  
A.B., Bassano, for \$2,000; \$500 cash, and easy terms for balance. Apply Wm. McLaws, Bassano. 17-19c

FOR SALE—A seven room house with electric light, water and furnace, large barn, garage and granary; Also household furniture. For particulars apply Henry W. Davis, box 350, Bassano. 16-18p

WILL TRADE 1920 Ford runabout in first class repair, for horses, mares preferred, will also pay cash for any extra horse. Ed Conroy Waskerville, Alberta.

FOR SALE—Two good heater stoves on exhibit at school. Bids received by Wm. McLaws. 15-17c

## Judicial Sale of Farm Property

PURSUANT to the Order Nisi and Order for Sale in Action No. 17391, the Supreme Court of Alberta, Judicial District of Calgary, there will be offered for sale by public auction, with approval of the Court, by A. A. MacGregor, auctioneer, at the sheriff's office in the town of Bassano, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, the 7th day of January, A.D. 1922, the following lands and premises in one parcel, namely:—All and Singular of the East half of Section Ten, and the South-east quarter of Section Fifteen, both in Township Twenty-three, Range Thirteen, West of the Fourth Meridian in the Province of Alberta, containing 480 acres more or less, reserving unto His Majesty all mines and minerals.

The vendor is informed that the said lands are situated near Nately Post Office, Alberta; that the soil is of a chocolate loam and the whole lands are tillable; that there is a good well and a two and three wire fence, and that the buildings consist of a house 14' x 32', and a granary 10' x 12'; that 65 acres of the said lands were under cultivation in 1921. The property will be offered for sale in one parcel subject to a reserve bid fixed by the Court.

TERMS—15 per cent deposit at the time of the sale to the Plaintiff or his Solicitor.

The balance to be paid into Court within 60 days without interest.

In all other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of sale of the said Court.

Further particulars can be had from the auctioneer, or from H. C. B. FORSYTH, 303 Leeson & Lineham Block, Calgary, Alberta, Solicitor for the Plaintiff.

DATED at Calgary, Alberta, this 26th day of November, A.D., 1921.

(Sgd.) A. G. A. CLOWES  
Clerk in Chambers.

Approved: (Sgd.) L. F. CLARRY,  
M. C. 15-16-17c

## Season's Greetings

Tho' the world be at sixes and sevens,  
And battered and twisted and torn,  
And old faiths seem shattered and shaken,  
Or wiggly and wobbly and worn.

We'll be cheery, by heck—for it's Christmas.

When you pass us the old-fashioned greeting,  
And we'll say the same back to you.

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FORD DEALER

BASSANO

ALBERTA

**A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.**

**Jack Torgan**





## Finance Minister Gives His Consent To Merging Of Banks

Ottawa—Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, has given preliminary consent to the taking over of the Merchants Bank of Canada by the Bank of Montreal. Application was made to Sir Henry by Sir Montagu Allan, president of the Merchants Bank.

"The situation which is the public interest is deemed necessary to give the preliminary consent required by the Bank Act," was the only comment of Sir Henry Drayton.

Further consent, it is understood, will have to be secured following a meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants Bank. This is the first merger that Sir Henry has given his assent since he took over the portfolio of finance.

The consent granted by Sir Henry is merely a preliminary measure required by the Bank Act in order to enable the continuance of negotiations between the two institutions. According to the finance minister, must be followed by a meeting of the shareholders of the "selling bank," who will have to approve of the agreement by not less than a two-thirds vote.

If the arrangements for the transfer are approved by the shareholders the agreement has to be executed and forwarded to the treasury board, thence to the Governor-in-Council, for final approval before it can have effect.

While Sir Henry Drayton was able to give preliminary consent, arrangements in their final stages will not doubt have to be dealt with by the incoming Liberal minister of finance and by the Liberal Cabinet as a whole.

In official circles here, emphasis is laid on the point that whatever the impairment of the Merchants Bank reserve may have been, both holders of notes issued by the Merchants Bank and its depositors will be protected by the resources of the Bank of Montreal.

"There need be no apprehension among depositors in the Merchants Bank, nor among holders of its notes," it was stated. "The Bank of Montreal is in a strong financial position and will be fully able to handle the situation."

## GERMANY UNABLE TO PAY BUT DOES NOT ASK RELEASE FROM OBLIGATIONS

Paris—Germany will not be able to make full her reparations payments of one billion gold marks falling due January 15 and February 15 and has so informed the Allied reparations commission.

A moratorium is not asked for by the German Government in its note which merely lays Germany's financial situation as existing at present before the reparations commission as evidence of Germany's inability to meet the forthcoming instalments, each of 500,000,000 gold marks.

Neither is any release from her obligations requested by Germany, which apparently has left the matter entirely in the hands of the reparations commission. The reparations commission will meet to decide the contents of the note which will be referred to the Allied reparations commission.

The concluding paragraph of the brief note gives a strong intimation that Germany sees no way out of her financial difficulties except through a "reparation holiday" or a delay of two or three years.

The announcement contains a "gentle warning" to the Allies that similar difficulties will arise in connection with subsequent payments. This is interpreted in reparations circles as meaning that Germany will seek further delays and attempt to force the powers to revise the present payments.

## Financial Conference Would Benefit Europe

Allies and Former Enemy Countries Should Participate

London—The Daily Chronicle, which is regarded as being sympathetic to the German position, has editorially prominently displays a special article concerning the proposed financial conference to follow in Washington. In its editorial columns the newspaper says: "This gives practical shape to the idea of doing for Europe what the Washington conference has done for the Pacific."

Declaring that it is not suggested that the United States should be asked to take the initiative in calling such a conference, it adds:

"There is nothing to prevent Great Britain and France from benefiting from the United States' financial position. It is a European conference in which the United States if she cared not to do more, would doubtless be willing to participate in a watching or advisory capacity."

The agenda of such a conference, the Chronicle says, would be with reparations debts, exchange problems and disarmament. It emphasizes that not only the allies but the former enemy countries and Russia should participate.

London—Premier W. M. Hughes, of Australia, says a letter cable from Melbourne, is endeavoring to arrange to send £50,000 worth of meat as Australia's contribution to the Russian famine fund.

## Lloyd George Tells Of His Part In The Irish Settlement

London—Contrasted strikingly with Britain's royal pomp and splendor played in the House of Lords, was the scene in the House of Commons a few hours later when, without ceremony, but with great concision, the members heard the Prime Minister render an account of his stewardship and the Government's part in the Irish settlement.

For an hour and three-quarters Mr. Lloyd George spoke to crowded benches and hushed galleries. The only touch of color in the otherwise legislative chamber was the brilliant red-coated uniform of Col. Sir Samuel Hoare, who moved the reply to the speech from the throne.

It was not an oratorical tour de force, as the Prime Minister, having been challenged, presented to the country the alternative of war or negotiation with Ireland and was the day by a division overwhelmingly favoring the Government's policy; his role to say was one simply narrating the story.

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problems faced by the delegates there, a declaration of the way they were handled.

Early in his address Mr. Lloyd George sketched those inclined to be lenient to Ireland was that of the Irish. When an Irish member interrogated him on "allegiance" Mr. Lloyd George having said that the issue of Ireland was that of the future, with allegiance to the King, he turned and faced the Ulsterite and declared emphatically: "Yes, allegiance to the King and avowed allegiance to the King." He then asked the member to refrain from interruption, as his task of exposition was difficult and one which he disliked. The Prime Minister was deeply impressive as he came near the end, when in short times and solemn manner, he drew a picture of the British Imperial War Cabinet at which a "cant chair" was waiting for Ireland and he left to the future when Britain's fears would be Ireland's anxiety, and Britain's victory. Ireland's day was one simply narrating the story.

## Predictions Dominant Status For India

Washington—Within the next ten years India will speak as a co-equal partner with Canada and Australia in the British Empire, the Right Hon. V. B. Schwann, India's representative in the British delegation to the armistice conference, predicted in an address before the City Club. The speaker also predicted that possibly recent Irish developments would "quicken even his estimate of ten years," adding that "Britain will be wise if she gives Dominion status to India more easily than she has given it to Ireland."

Chinaman's Sentence Commuted

Ottawa—The Cabinet Council commuted the death sentence passed on Chow Tseung, a Chinaman convicted of murdering five of his countrymen, on board the steamer Mackinac while the vessel was lying in the St. Lawrence River at Quebec on October 14.

To Negotiate Loan In Canada

Paris—The city of Soissons is authorized to negotiate a loan of six million dollars in Canada in a decree issued by the Chamber of Deputies. The loan is redeemable in 15 years.



Herch Baile For Home

New York—Marshall Poole has sailed on the French liner Paris for home. Another passenger was Rene Viviani, former French premier who is returning home from the Washington arms conference.



Last night I stayed awake to see what Santa Claus would bring. I heard a noise above me and the merry sleigh-bells ring. Perhaps it was a reindeer's hoof That made the snow fall from the roof.

## Benares Welcomed Prince Planned to Seize

In Spite of Gandhi's Orders For a Boycott

Benares, India—When the Prince of Wales arrived here, a "hasty" had been proclaimed but it was practically ignored by the natives who thronged the streets. The programme which had been arranged in honor of the Prince was carried out without a hitch and he left for Nepal to hunt big game.

The magnificent reception accorded the Prince of Wales, at Benares following the disappointing desertion of the Prince of Wales, was a striking illustration of the Indian unrest. The warm reception at Benares is regarded as of special significance because Benares is a holy city. The Hindus turned out in throngs to greet the Prince in droves, and the Prince's arrival was a triumph for the Hindus. The Prince drove in a glittering state coach to the Hindu University, where he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature.

## Ships Train Of Cattle

Yorkton—Merchant Goods 723 Feders To Be Finished For American Market

Yorkton—Harry Brownman, prominent merchant here, has shipped from his farm west of town, a trainload of cattle to Scotland, South Dakota. The train comprises 30 cars, containing 175 head of live feeders. These will be finished at their destination for the American market.

The train attracted considerable attention, being placarded with three large banners inscribed, "This trainload of cattle is the property of Harry Brownman of Yorkton."

## Prohibit Coal Exports

Burlington—According to the Tanghele Burlington, the reparations commission has sent to the German Government a note tantamount to an order for complete prohibition, if the export of German coal to neutral countries.

Casual Club License

Vancouver—Following convictions for infraction of the Liquor Act, the licenses of 13 clubs in Vancouver were cancelled by the Government.

## WESTERN EDITORS

Rebellion In India Is Collapsing

London—An Indian official statement says the position of the principal Mughal rebel leaders is becoming desperate. There is increasing signs that the rebellion is collapsing, at least as far as active resistance is concerned. The remainder of the fight is being fought in the hills by the troops. The steady stream of surrenders continues.

## King George Gives Speech From Throne

Special Session of Parliament to Consider Irish Question

London—The special session of Parliament, called to consider the Irish peace settlement was opened by King George. In his speech from the throne he said: "It is my earnest hope that by the articles of agreement now submitted to you, the spirit of century may be ended."

The text of the King's speech was as follows: "My Lords and members of the House of Commons, I have summoned you to meet at this unusual time in order that the articles of agreement which have been signed by my ministers and the Irish delegation can at once be submitted for your approval. No other business should be brought before you at the present session."

"It was with heartfelt joy that I learned of the agreement reached after negotiations protracted many months and affecting not only the welfare of Ireland but of the British and Irish races throughout the world. It is my earnest hope that by the articles of agreement now submitted to you, the spirit of century may be ended."

The King's speech was followed by the reading of the articles of agreement, which were then discussed by the House of Commons.

## Lively Debates In Saskatchewan Legislature

Question of Hon. J. A. Maharg's Resignation is Discussed

Regina—Correspondence between Hon. J. A. Maharg and Premier Martin in connection with the former's resignation as Minister of Agriculture, was a feature of a session of the Saskatchewan Legislature last week. Mr. Maharg's resignation on the Premier's motion, following Hon. W. R. Mowbray, as Liberal, caused a lively debate in the house.

The Premier's motion was carried by a large majority, and Mr. Maharg's resignation was accepted.

## Western Livestock Union

Regina—The president of the Western Canadian Livestock Union, J. H. Hutton, presided over the annual meeting of the union, which was held at the Regina Hotel last night.

The meeting was attended by a large number of delegates from the various provinces, and was a success in every respect.

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## Revenue Increasing In New Zealand

Expenditure Has Been Cut Down By Rigid Economy

London—New Zealand's House of Representatives, Reuter's Wellington correspondent cables has passed a bill authorizing the Government to raise a loan of £5,000,000 for expenditure of public works and other purposes.

During the debate on the question of the loan, Premier W. F. Massey said that the Government's revenue had increased by £1,000,000 as a result of its policy of rigid economy. He also stated that the Government's expenditure had been cut down by £1,000,000.

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## LOCAL NEWS

B. H. Muir, of Calgary, was in town this week.

Police court fines in Bassano totalled \$2,911.00 in 1931.

A confetti dance is being held in Cluny, Friday, Dec. 25.

The Bassano hockey team will play in Gleichen on Wednesday of next week.

Marguerite Bond fined Jack Allen, of Brooks, \$20 and costs for a breach of the liquor act.

Glass is expecting his parents down from Calgary to spend Christmas.

Hugh Steinleugh, of Hussar, passed through town on Wednesday on his way to Calgary.

Brooks curlers are playing for the Forcell Cup in Gleichen this Friday night.

The Cluny Gus Club are holding their annual dance on January 6th. Mrs. Trainor's orchestra will play.

"Tankie" Plante, hockey and baseball player of Gleichen, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Seale in town. He is Mrs. Seale's brother.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGree, formerly of Bassano, died at Wayne, Alberta. The remains were shipped here for interment.

Norman Stafford, one of the largest farmers in the Duchess district, was in town last Thursday. He was on his way to Calgary where he had shipped 100 hogs.

"Lonia" Sather, plant inspector for the government telephones, surprised his friends when he returned from a brief absence from town with a letter. The young lady is a former Gleichen girl. Mr. and Mrs. Sather have taken up residence on Third Avenue W.

Alf Fuller, of the Department of Municipal Affairs, Edmonton, was in town this week on his way to Jenner. He is visiting the municipal district headquarters in the areas where relief is needed and arranging for extension of assistance.

The Men's Club meetings the next two Sundays have been cancelled. On the second Sunday in January A. F. MacCallum will speak on "Protestant Representation and Unionism."

Calgary reports 3,000 men out of work.

Percy Engle, of Craigmyle, is the new president of the Alberta G.W.V.A.

The representatives of labor will hold the control of the 1923 Calgary city council.

Trinity Methodist Church, Calgary, suffered \$25,000 damage by fire on Saturday.

31,000 cases of Scotch whiskey were landed in Vancouver from the S.S. Cabotia.

The Pioneer barn burned down at Innisfail on Saturday, with a loss of \$10,000.

Ex-premier Chas. Stewart has been summoned to Ottawa. He may secure a cabinet position.

Twenty-four and a half million dollars worth of minerals were mined in British Columbia last year.

Arrangements are under way to standardize the text books used in the public schools in the four western provinces.

A despatch from Germany states that German chemists have learned to transform baser metals into gold.

Colin Groff, formerly city editor of the Calgary Alberta, has been appointed publicity commissioner for Alberta.

The thermometer registered 10 degrees of frost and a keen nor' easter prevailed in Vancouver on Saturday.

Calgary received \$38,000 this year from rents on properties taken over by the city for taxes.

The Drummeller mines, manned by Union labor, are being hard hit by the non-union miners cutting prices for coal.

A basis of understanding between the Liberals and Progressives in the federal government is likely to be arrived at.

Yee Ory Wo, the only Chinaman to homestead on the Red Deer river plains, died this week in Calgary. He homesteaded at Steveston.

Henry Schelbner and son Maurice were Bassano callers on Saturday.

J. H. Thomas was a business caller in Bassano one day last week.

C. A. Waltemath and children Clarence and Gladys and Mrs. Geo. Vist were shopping in Bassano on Saturday.

The card party given for the school hot lunch fund was quite a success despite the bad weather and other elements that seemed to be against the committee in charge. A good time was enjoyed by all present and the sum of \$21 taken in. The ladies are to be congratulated on their efforts on behalf of a good cause and suggest that they plan another in the near future. Personally we would just as soon let the children take hot lunch obtained with money derived from the card party (where no gambling was allowed) as accept as payment for services rendered with money derived from the greatest gamble of all—farming. Furthermore we refuse to acknowledge the right of one set of people to dictate the amusements of others.

Misses Woodhull and Reed were guests at the home of F. A. Fryberger on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuire and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robson called at the home of J. E. Stepp on Sunday.

Mrs. and Miss Copping were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Derham on Friday.

Dick Foley made a flying trip to Calgary on Monday, returning on Tuesday.

Stanley Selfridge and daughter Edith, and Miss Reed spent Sunday afternoon at the C. A. Fryberger ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robson and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fryberger on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Fryberger and Mrs. F. A. Fryberger spent Wednesday in Bassano.

Pauline and Pearl Kemner were calling on their sister, Mrs. Bill Fryberger, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Derham spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bramble.

To our friends and customers we extend the old, old, greeting—

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